

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1803**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I request funding for Schooner Bayou Structure Installation in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army Corps of Engineers, located at 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118.

The proposed project is intended to install the new water control structure in Schooner Bayou in Vermilion Parish. This structure preserves the highly important habitat and ecosystem associated with freshwater marshland and provides barriers to prevent saltwater from entering the freshwater marshes located West of Freshwater Bayou. This structure is being completed, but the installation of the structure needs a new funding source. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will restore the saltwater intrusion control necessary to protect the freshwater marsh, which is an environmental benefit to the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-587).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Respectfully,



Member of Congress